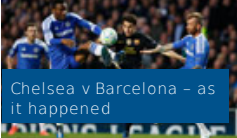


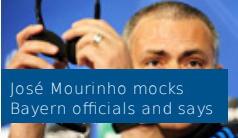
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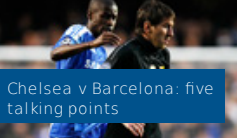
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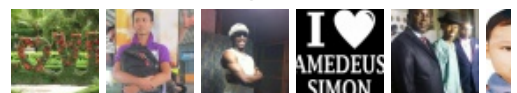
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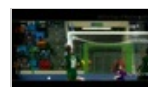
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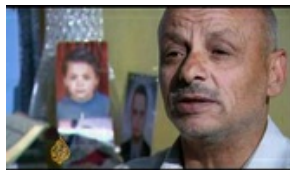


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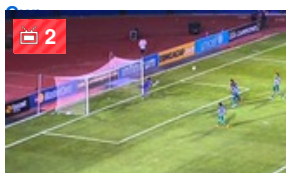
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They say you don't need a weatherman to tell you when it's raining and you don't need to be brains of Britain to realise where the failings of both Redknapp and Mancini has really been this season. Both men's inability to play the squad game that has left their best XI burnt out and running on empty at the very time they need them most and subsequently they have been throwing points away left, right and centre. The likes of Modric, Silva, Parker, Aguero and Walker are just perfect examples of players who have been a shade of their former self that we saw earlier in the season.

Tottenham fans will tell you they are not surprised as they witnessed much the same last season, as Redknapp seemingly has the inability to rest players or go into a game without picking his best possible XI, despite them being on their last legs. He inexplicably let Vedran Corluka go out on loan leaving Kyle Walker (a player who due to international commitments hasn't had a rest in nearly two years) as the only right back at the club. Neutrals out there continue to show their amazement at those Spurs fans who question Harry's managerial abilities, but it is decisions like the one with Corluka that has supporters shaking their head. Top clubs understand the need to rotate to keep players fresh and alert, but Redknapp and Mancini clearly have little trust in their squads and subsequently have been made to pay for it as the season has gone by.

In many ways there is no excuse (especially in Man City's case given the money at their disposal) as both clubs do have sizeable squads that are the envy of many within the Premier League, but are only used when injury dictates their call-up. This season we have seen Modric for example play in every position in midfield, for the sake of his inclusion, when someone like a Niko Kranjcar or Steven Pienaar would have arguably been more suited in the wide areas for Spurs.

So why have managers like Redknapp and Mancini been so hesitant and is it simply down to inexperience in the upper echelons in the Premier League? Certainly in the lesser games you don't see the likes of Fergie being overly concerned ... [MORE](#)

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